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SUBJECT: EDITORIAL COMMENTARY ON CABINET RESHUFFLE

1. IN LEAD EDITORIAL OF AUGUST 19, CHIEF EDITOR ELIAS KYROU OF CONSERVATIVE "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" COMMENTS ON RECENT SPECULATION THAT FAILURE OF CABINET MINISTERS TO RESIGN REFLECTS PERSONAL RESERVATIONS AND RELUCTANCE TO LEAVE GOVERNMENT. KYROU MAINTAINS, HOWEVER, THAT ISSUE IS FALSE ONE AND THAT PRESIDENT EMPOWERED TO APPOINT AND DISMISS MINISTERS AT WILL.

2. ARTICLE RECOMMENDS THAT DISTINGUISHED MILITARY MEMBERS OF CABINET SHOULD BE RETAINED, BUT MEMBERSHIP SHOULD NOT BE DRAWN EXCLUSIVELY FROM 1940 AND 1943 CLASSES OF GREEK MILITARY ACADEMY. IN FORTHCOMING GOVERNMENT RESHUFFLE PRESIDENT SHOULD SELECT CABINET OFFICIALS "OF UNQUESTIONABLE PRESTIGE AND OF COMMON ACCEPTANCE". IN PAST, COUNTRY HAS SUFFERED FROM MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE WHO IGNORANT IF "FLOUR COMES FROM CORN", DEFENSE MINISTERS WHO UNAWARE THAT "TANK TURRETS SWIVEL", AND MINISTERS OF INDUSTRY WHO DO NOT KNOW MEANING OF "KILOWATT HOURS". KYROU CONCLUDES THAT NO TIME LEFT FOR "FURTHER JOKES" OF THIS KIND SINCE COUNTRY'S ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS MOUNTING.

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3. COMMENT: MILDLY CRITICAL EDITORIAL IS FIRST BY USUALLY PRO-GOG

KYROU SINCE HIS RETURN FROM EXTENDED LEAVE DURING PERIOD OF
CAMPAIGN AND REFERENDUM. AUGUST 19 INAUGURATION AND DECLARATION
OF GENERAL AMNESTY TOO LATE FOR INCLUSION IN THESSALONIKI
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